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EMBUSH IN INDOCHINA

During "Seagull Operation"

October 24th. 1953

Revo coverage serviced to all.

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Among many developments of "SEAGULL" Operation at present going on in Indochina, this is an embush episode.

On October 24th. an armored cars and infantry battalion were making a raid southward, starting from Lai-Cac, and was violently attacked in an embush laid by Vietminh troops of Division 320. One battalion of the Vietminh forces had taken position since dawn, in the jungle on and around the road leading to the Forpets, one of the most important communication for VietMinh transports, food and amunition coming from Thanh-Hoa.

France-Vietnamese infantry troops on trucks immediately reacted to the attack, and after several hours of a bitter fight, thanks to the valuable help of artillery fire and airattacks less than 50 meters from the French tanks, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving 190 dead 18 prisoners and important arms stocks in our hands.

Views : Artillery fire, trucks and armored cars approaching embush area.
Infantry troops on trucks, tanks on road. Engineer corps repairing road going through jungle and forest. Bulldozer in operation.
A village is set afire by Viet-Minh during preceding operation in Phu-Nho-Quan, the embush fighting begins.
fighting, airplane appear (bearcats), several phases of the fight before Viet-Minh forces withdraw in the jungle.